

APPOINTMENTS BY THE COMMISSIONERS.—The following appointments of Town Officers were made by the Commissioners of this place, at a meeting held on the evening of the 9th inst.:

Magistrate of Police.—JAS. T. MILLER.
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Captains of Engines.—JOHN C. WOOD, HIRAN POLLEY, WM. RADCLIFF.

Fire Wardens.—A. J. DEROSSETT, C. O. G. PARLEY, H. R. SAVAGE, EDWIN A. ANDERSON, C. D. ELLIS.
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The only way in which the goods are to be imported. Any thing that can be manufactured here. Of course not. For the first year we might perhaps get paid for our tremendous exports, by sweeping the world of all its bullion and precious stones! But what shall we take next? Perhaps tea at twenty dollars a pound, coffee \$5 per pound, cocoa nuts and pine apples at \$100 a piece. These prices would, however, give "incidental protection" enough to build hot-houses for the growth of such articles. Therefore, we had better have at once a Chinese wall, with spring doors opening only inside out, and to make up the "home consumption," compel every consumer to eat an entire pig for breakfast, a roast ox for dinner, and have pies of three barrels of flour each, for every month in his family.

WONDERFUL!—The great political quack, known as "the recommended" by the great political quack at the head of the treasury—Journal of Commerce.
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I've heard folks say as how that Bars can't think like other human critters, and that they does all the sly tricks what they does from instink. Golly! what a lie! You tell me one o' 'em don't know when you've got a gun when you ain't! Just wait a minute, an' my privit 'tinion is when you've learn me through you'll talk your side of your mouth.

You see, one day, long time ago, 'fore breeches come in fashion, I made a 'pointment with like Hamberlin the steam doctor, to go out next Sunday to seek whom we couldn't kill a Bar, for you know bacon was scarce an so was money, and them fellers down in Mechanicsburg wouldn't sell on 'tick; so we had to 'pend on the varmint for a livin'.

Speakin' of Mechanicsburg, the people down in that hole ain't to be beat no whar this side o' Sumterville, S. C., on the 30th inst. It would be well for the North Carolina stock to be represented, either personally or by proxy, as under the circumstances, the meeting will be of unusual importance.

HOMICIDE IN RALEIGH.—We learn from the Raleigh Standard of the 9th inst., that a man named GEORGE FOWLER, came to his death on the Thursday night preceding, by wounds inflicted on him by CHRISTOPHER C. SCOTT, at a house in the eastern part of that city. FOWLER, it appears was stabbed in three places, between the shoulders, in the back, and in the right side. Mr. SCOTT was arrested the same night, and a jury of inquest held next day, found a verdict in accordance with the above facts. The prisoner has been fully committed to await his trial at the next Superior Court, the Court of Magistrates having refused to admit him to bail.

A YOKER—A PERFECT BULL TEAM.—So absorbed is President TAYLOR, in his patriotic zeal for agriculture, that he has introduced two splendid bulls into his message. A cotemporary has driven the two "critters" together, and made a yoke of them in this wise:

Bull No. 1. We are at peace with all the world, and seek to maintain our cherished relations of amity with the rest of mankind.
Bull No. 2. While enjoying the benefits of amicable intercourse with foreign nations, we have not been insensible to the distractions and wars which have prevailed in other quarters of the globe.

BILL FOR THE RECOVERY OF FUGITIVE SLAVES.—A bill has been introduced into the Senate of the United States, by Mr. MASSEY of Virginia, to provide for the more effectual execution of the third clause of the second section of the fourth article of the Constitution of the United States. The clause in question is as follows:—

"No person held to service or labor in one State, under the laws thereof, escaping into another, shall, in consequence of any law or regulation therein, be discharged from such service or labor, but shall be delivered up on claim of the party to whom such service or labor may be due."
Mr. MASSEY's bill provides that when any slave shall escape into another State or Territory, the owner of such slave, or his agent or attorney, may seize or arrest him and take him before any judge, commissioner, clerk or marshal of any district or circuit court of the United States, or any collector of customs or post master, or may have him arrested upon a warrant issued by any of the aforesaid officers, upon affidavit made, and it shall be the duty of the officers before whom the slave is brought, upon proof of the fact of ownership, to issue his certificate to that effect to said claimant, which certificate shall be a warrant for taking and removing said slave to the State or Territory, from which he or she may have escaped.